

5 March 1951

Mr. Alan W. Furber  
Pres., School of Practical Art  
10 Newbury Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Furber:

General Smith has turned over to me your letter of 21 February for reply in my capacity as Director of Training.

You were very kind to offer us the facilities outlined in your letter, and I regret that our training program is such that we cannot avail ourselves of this offer. Should we find at any time in the future that such an arrangement would be practicable, we should be glad to contact you.

Thank you for your interest in our organization.

Sincerely yours,

MATTHEW BAIRD  
Director of Training

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February 21, 1951.

Lt. Gen. Walter B. Smith, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Department of Defense  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The important work which your agency is presently developing, is of such vital importance to the nation that every intelligent and loyal American must be heartened. As evidence of my personal recognition of its significance, I should like to offer the facilities of this school in any manner that may be helpful to you.

Although we have specialized in illustration and design, the essential factor in our possible usefulness lies rather in our physical plant, its location, the availability of top-flight teaching personnel in the Boston-Cambridge Area, and the educational administrative know-how and contacts developed during my thirty years' experience in education.

In making this offer, I emphasize these facts: excellent classroom space in a modern building which can accommodate up to 235 students at one time; the use of your personnel as teachers, or the securing from colleges, professional, technical and trade schools, of highly trained specialists in their fields; the organizing and administrative experience to make things click. Privately owned, arrangements could be made quickly and effectively to train personnel in any phase you might select.

I should be glad to come to Washington, any time after the first of April, to discuss with some appropriate person the areas and means by which you might make use of the training facilities here offered. If you should have a representative in the Boston area I would be glad to show him the school and discuss fully possible ways in which we could be helpful. This might be more effective for you.

Sincerely,

Alan W. Furber  
President

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